

MINUTES of the
OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY GROUP (OHVAG)
of
ARIZONA STATE PARKS
MEETING OF November 12, 2010
Interagency Fire Training Center, Tucson, AZ

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL @ 1:10pm

In attendance: Pete Pfeifer, Rebecca Antle, John Savino, Hank Rogers

Absent: David Moore, Bob Biegel

Others: Robert Baldwin – State Parks, Chris Gammage – OHVA Program Coordinator, Jimmy Simmons – AZ Game & Fish Dept OHV Law Enforcement Manager, Laura White – Coronado NF Travel Management Coordinator,
Joined the meeting later: George Wysopal – So. AZ Trail Riders (former OHVAG member)

QUORUM IS PRESENT

B. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

1. The Statewide OHV Program Mission is to develop and enhance statewide off-highway vehicle recreation opportunities, and develop educational programs that promote resource protection, social responsibility, and interagency cooperation.
2. The OHV Ambassador Program is a partnership of agencies and volunteers dedicated to enhancing motorized recreation opportunities and management in Arizona.

C. ACTION ITEMS

C1 APPROVAL OF 8/6/11 MINUTES

PFEIFER – Disappointed because of projects delayed by NEPA. Others concurred. Question about Sandee McCullen's concern for \$59,000 owed to the Arizona Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition.

BALDWIN – Clarified that funds were due to BLM, the project sponsor and the amount was only \$26,000. The billing was submitted in January and it was paid in September. The delay was the fault of State Parks.

PFEIFER – Concerned about gas tax and sticker revenues being put in the same fund and the fund being raided. He thought sticker money could not be raided. Wanted clarification. He has been promoting the sticker purchases and doesn't want it to come back that the money is only going to balance the state budget.

BALDWIN – Clarified that both gas tax revenue and revenue from sticker sales are put into the same fund, the Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund. When distributions are

made according to the statute (60% State Parks, 35% Game & Fish, 5% State Land) the percentages are paid from all monies available in the fund. In December 2009 when the fund was last raided, Representative Weiers kept them from taking all of the money in the fund. The amount he saved was identified as the portion attributed to the new sticker revenue (whether it was that exact amount or not is not certain).

Motion to approve: H. Rogers, seconded by J. Savino – carried unanimous

AGENDA ITEMS WERE REARRANGED AT THE CHAIRS DISCRETION TO FACILITATE A TIME CERTAIN PRESENTATION.

C7 - Consider Extending the Project End Date for the BLM-Kingman Field Office Recreational Trails Program Project #470601, Music Mtn/Crozier

Inventory/Signage/Map Development. BLM-Kingman Field Office is requesting a second time extension they have only completed 95% of the inventory and still need to install signs and produce a map.

BALDWIN – Since all of these requests are for a second extension, they must go to the Parks Board.

ANTLE – They have had four years, why can't they get this done?

SAVINO – I have the same concerns. Is this money funding their TMR (Travel Management Rule only applies to Forest Service, but BLM is reviewing all of their management plans to address OHV travel issues also.)? What input do we have in that process other than the public comment portion of it?*

BALDWIN – Yes, we have been giving all agencies money for inventory, which is part of the planning process, for several years. *None, other than keeping up on their announcements and comment opportunities.

SAVINO – Has State Parks visited any of these projects?

BALDWIN – These projects involve routes all over their management areas. To review this type of project you would have to be involved in the actual inventory process or go into their office and look at maps while they show you what has been inventoried and what is left.

SAVINO – I have been involved with the planning process in the Lake Havasu FO and I have set down with them. You can get a lot more information about what they are doing.

ROGERS – It's a shame we don't have more input than we do. What boils down to is that the supervisor is going to make the decision based on what his support team tells him and we don't have any more input than the people who can respond online from anywhere in the world. My recommendation is that we deny these requests and have these people attend our next OHVAG meeting and explain to us where they are at and why they don't have these projects completed. Then we can make our decision.

PFEIFER – I agree that anytime they want an extension we should require them to make a report directly to us.

SAVINO – This should take place for even the first extension.

BALDWIN – Since these are contracts with an expiration date, they must be extended before they expire. I suggest you extend them for six months on the condition that they make the presentation at the next OHVAG meeting before getting the other six months.

ROGERS – We'll give them until the next OHVAG meeting. How come they are not here this time?

BALDWIN – We have never required them to attend a meeting in the past and since I was not expecting this, I did not encourage them to be here. Some of these will expire before we meet again.

SAVINO – I move that we extend them until our next meeting and require that they make a presentation at that meeting and we will determine if they should be extended longer.

BALDWIN – We will need to take your recommendation to the next Parks Board meeting and let them determine how long to extend these projects with consideration that you want them to make a presentation to you.

ANTLE – I don't think we should require them to be present, but to at least submit a report.

BALDWIN – We can require them to call in on teleconference.

SAVINO – We need some present to answer questions.

ROGERS – I want to see the maps of what they have accomplished.

BALDWIN – I will require them to make a presentation at the next OHVAG meeting including maps and to be present or at least available by teleconference.

PFEIFER – What we are looking for is some kind of timeline (Gant chart) with milestones and projected completion dates.

ROGERS – Clarified motion to recommend 60-day extension and require project sponsor to be present, at least by phone, to present a status including maps of where the project is and when it will be completed.

ANTLE – Seconded motion. Motion carried unanimous.

C8 – Consider Extending the Project End Date for the BLM-Safford Field Office Recreational Trails Program Project #470602, Gila Bend RNCA

Inventory/Signage/Map Development. BLM-Safford Field Office is requesting a second time extension because their Travel Management Plan was expected to be completed in 2010 and has not yet gone out for public comment.

SAVINO – Moved to recommend 60-day extension and require project sponsor to be present, at least by phone, to present a status including maps of where the project is and when it will be completed.

ROGERS – Seconded motion. Motion carried unanimous.

C9 – Consider Extending the Project End Date for the Prescott National Forest Recreational Trails Program Project #470603, Copper Canyon OHV Trailhead Development. Prescott National Forest is requesting a second time extension because they need additional time for internal review of the draft design plan. They have received renewed support from the Town of Camp Verde and confirmed that donors are on board.

BALDWIN – This project is a little different in that it is an on-the-ground project. It has suffered from neglect since it was funded, both by the project sponsor and the community partners. There is a new District Ranger and rec staff person in charge of the project. They have expressed new enthusiasm and commitment to complete the project.

SAVINO – How much money have we put into this project?

BALDWIN – They were awarded \$178,000. They have been reimbursed approximately \$30,000 and may have additional expenses that have not been billed.

SAVINO – I can't see putting good money after bad money. I can't justify extending this any longer.

ROGERS – I want to know who the donors are and if they truly intend to support this project. If they are not going to come through with their contribution, then we should stop the project. We need give them the same 60-days and require them to show up at the next meeting. We need to send a strong consistent message to everyone.

ANTLE – The previous request was for time to complete the design portion of the project. They haven't even done any work.

PFEIFER – I agree with both Mr. Savino and Mr. Rogers.

ROGERS – I think going forward we should require anyone who wants an extension to make a presentation to this group in person. These people have expended our money and they need to be accountable.

SAVINO – We need to be more active in getting out in the field and finding out what is going on with these projects. We are entrusted with protecting these funds for our user constituency. We should have the ability to visit these sites.

PFEIFER – I thought we had that ability already.

SAVINO – I have no identification to indicate I'm a member of this group.

ROGERS – Motion to extend project for 60-days and require that this project sponsor be physically present at the next OHVAG meeting to tell us what is going to happen with partners.

SAVINO – Seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

C2 – Status of the Travel Management Rule (TMR) on the Coronado National Forest. A forest representative will present information on the status of the Travel Management Rule and their implementation strategy and respond to questions from the group.

WHITE – Coronado NF already restricted cross-country travel that was one of the main reasons TMR was initiated. Our plan was a little ambiguous about which roads were included. In one place in the plan it said vehicles are allowed on roads unless they are marked closed. On the OHV maps that went along with the plan it said OHV's are restricted to designated roads.

We have completed the transportation analysis process on all of our districts except the Sierra Vista Ranger District and we expect that to be completed in December. We have completed the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Santa Catalina RD and it has gone through initial public comments. The next step is review the comments and determine if they support our proposed alternative or further consideration is necessary. We have issued our proposed action for the Nogales RD and are accepting comments. So, there are three more district left.

In the inventory process we inventoried as many of the unauthorized roads as we could. Some have been recommended to be added to the system and some to be obliterated. As the proposed actions go out to the public, we show the transportation analysis on our website. We had an opportunity to use some stimulus money to close some unauthorized roads. Even though the transportation analyses had not been completed, the management team identified some routes they were going to recommend be closed. That proposal was announced and we got some feedback on it, but since we ended up not getting the stimulus money, that proposal is on hold. Some of those comments suggested we complete the transportation analyses process before we start closing roads. So, that's how it worked out anyway.

Motor vehicle use maps (MVUM) were originally required by December 2009 and we got that date extended to December 2010. Since the NEPA is not completed, we modified our Forest Plan to include TMR language that restricts motor vehicle travel to the routes identified on the MVUM. We are printing our maps with the approved road system as it exists until recommended and approved routes can be added to the system. So the maps in 2011 will only show existing routes that may not actually be currently used and it will not show all user-created routes that are being used. We plan to spend the next year in the education mode letting people know the status of their preferred routes. We will let them know the maps are designed to be updated yearly as NEPA is completed and routes are added. Those maps are in the region office for review and should be printed soon after the first of the year.

SAVINO – What mechanism do you have in place to keep the public informed?

WHITE – Our new Forest Supervisor, Jim Upchurch, is concerned that we are keeping the public informed and wants to see a plan for doing that. We have one person on-the-ground for the entire forest dedicated to OHV use. We do have 10 LEO's which will help out greatly. They were added initially to deal with border issues, but since they are out there I want to bring them and anyone in the field up to date on the maps and how they are being used and what they need to tell people. We will be working with the forest public information person to determine other methods to inform the public.

ANTLE – What road will be shown on the maps?

WHITE – They will be the current identified roads that may include corrected GPS coordinates or numbering to maintain consistency across districts. We know the public will be expecting to see routes we have proposed in some of our actions, but since that process is not complete, those routes will not show up on these maps.

SAVINO – What kind of interaction have you had with the local groups who use the Coronado NF?

WHITE – I think we've gotten lots of input from them. It has been a while since we have heard from them. When I first started with this project in 2006 the Tucson Roughriders brought us maps and so did the Range Riders from Sierra Vista. They identified all the roads they were interested in and I think we got very good feedback from the groups. I'm not real comfortable with what we've gotten from the ATV side. The dirt bikers have responded. Since we put out the EA I have been a little concerned that we have not gotten much input.

PFEIFER – The feedback I've gotten is that there is not MVUM and things are still ongoing and they didn't really know what to think of it. It was too broad to interpret. There is still too much stuff out there that isn't marked, even identified routes.

WHITE – We know there are routes that are on the system that aren't numbered and we are working to fix that.

SAVINO – I have members of our club that live in this area and they have asked to start a southern branch for our club. How can we help you?

WHITE – I need people who want to be involved to call me so I can put them on my list. I send all notices that need public contact out on my lists and that amount to 600 to 700 names and they are not being returned. They need to check our website. Everything that is available for comment is listed there. I am happy to talk to anybody about anything we are doing if they will call me.

ROGERS – I have a problem with the maps you are providing being the legal document that you can use to cite people. You are not reaching the people you need to. Those maps do not have the detail needed to be enforceable in court. The useable routes need to be plainly numbered on the ground. If you don't close off closed routes, people will continue to use them. Next question, where are you at with game retrieval?

WHITE – We have always prohibited cross-country travel and have never made an exception for game retrieval. I've talked to Game & Fish about it and they didn't really have any concerns. We don't have an elk hunt on our forest. We are focusing our NEPA on things that need to be changed.

I'm glad we've gone through this process and I think we have really identified some roads that need to be added to the system and some that are causing resource damage and need to be closed.

BALDWIN – You refer to the roads that are in your system. When is the last time that a road was added to that system?

WHITE – We had a landowner who blocked a private road down by Kentucky Camp. We built a new road on forest property around that area. There is another road on private land in the Gualaros up to High Creek that we provided a reroute. In this

process we have discovered system roads that have never been added to the old RATM maps. We are not revisiting why existing routes were approved.

BALDWIN – Where does signing fall in your priorities for this process?

WHITE – This process has caused us to communicate between districts and verify that every road has the correct number and that number is consistent from district to district. We have crews out there continually signing. We are also adding signs at major portals that tell people they need to stay on routes identified on the MVUMs. That at least lets people know there is a map available to follow and I am have the field people have plenty of the maps to distribute.

SAVINO – Has your forest applied for any of the grant money to assist with the TMR process?

WHITE – We talked about it and determined that we had enough money allocated from the Region office, but that has dried up recently. I was not comfortable using your money to inventory roads when many of them would not end up in the system.

SAVINO – Where will get the money for signage to complete this process?

WHITE – We have stock piled signs when we were getting the money from Region. Previously the TMR money was taken out of the budget first before distributions to the districts. Now it is included in the district budget. This makes it difficult for me to keep people focused on allocating money for this process when it has not been earmarked. This leaves it up to each district to take the initiative to find money to complete the NEPA. The districts have a lot of influence when it comes to identifying the routes they want. Their specialists are in the field and know the conditions that exist. I have always shared all of the input I get with the district rangers. It is important for them to hear from the users and be in touch with the uses on their district.

PFEIFER – Has NEPA for the Santa Rita Mtns been completed?

WHITE – The proposed action is out and we are still taking comments. I need to hear from people within the next couple of weeks. Yes, that proposal takes into consideration the planned mining in the area. We need to do NEPA if we want to add roads or obliterate unauthorized roads. So, we will be using signs to indicate closed routes.

ANTLE – Have you used any user groups to help with installing signs?

WHITE – Not at this point. That would be helpful and it is a great help if they will let us know when signs are missing.

ROGERS – It is important that you identify historic routes in this area and protect them.

C3 – Discuss Goals and Plans for the Statewide OHV Program. Staff will present information on available funding for OHV projects. Land management agency staff will be invited to discuss the impact of off-highway vehicle recreation on their lands and their needs.

BALDWIN – Discussed availability of state OHV funds and federal RTP funds and the “Sticker Fund Project Selection Program”. Plan is to get funds out the door and projects on the ground. Application process has been simplified and applications are accepted at any time. This is not a competitive process, except that OHVAG is reviewing and approving projects that are high priority first.

C4 – Discuss Goals and Plans for Statewide OHV Ambassador Program. The Statewide OHV Ambassador Coordinator will introduce the OHV Ambassador Program to agency staff and the public. This program supports safe, responsible recreation practices and emphasizes cooperation between agencies and volunteers to enhance motorized recreation opportunities and management in Arizona. State Parks staff will discuss OHV Ambassador Program expansion grants and provide the group with a copy of the memorandum of understanding regarding general oversight of the OHV Ambassador Program and describe the part OHVAG will play in the program.

GAMMAGE – Discussed the OHV Ambassador Program via PowerPoint slides provided.

PFEIFER – Do OHVA volunteers have to provide their own insurance?

GAMMAGE – When enrolled as agency volunteers they are covered under workers’ compensation and general liability.

PFEIFER – Is the program receiving support from manufacturers?

GAMMAGE – As a government sponsored program we are not allowed to solicit support. Some OHVAs have received donations for specific projects. For the Table Mesa cleanup the OHVA who was coordinating the event got pizza donated and some door prizes.

WHITE – If volunteers don’t want to do the public contact, can they just do the trail monitoring?

GAMMAGE – Yes, we only require that they commit to 15 hours per year and they can do the things they choose.

WHITE – Is the work done only in organized events? Can volunteers decide to patrol during the week.

GAMMAGE – We have developed “core teams” who are trained to do specific projects. They may choose to go out during the week, but it is coordinated through the agency and they know where they are, what they are doing, and when they will be finished.

BALDWIN – OHVAs cannot just put on their jersey and go out and patrol. It must be in conjunction with a sanctioned event. If they are riding on their own time, they can report things they observe.

WYSOPAL – How do we get this started in our area? I think it has a lot better effect when a peer takes the time to inform a fellow user.

BALDWIN – Discussed the history of the program from its inception by State Parks staff and funding and approval by the State Parks Board. With the loss of State Parks staff

an agreement was initiated with BLM to staff the position. The success of the program is reflected in the accomplishments listed to date and it is time to create that success all over the state. The program works because it has agency support and identified structure.

ROGERS – I think this is an excellent program and will accomplish some great things.

C5 – Discuss Creation of an OHV Newspaper and Getting the Sticker Program Information Out to the Public. The group will resume a discussion from the last meeting about the best methods to get OHV information to the recreating public.

ANTLE – Three weeks ago we had our out in the Rail X Ranch area and were stopped by the Pinal County Sheriff to check for our State Land permit. Then last Saturday we were stopped there again by a Game & Fish officer who checked for our sticker, then she asked for the State Land permit. Then on the next day, Sunday, we were stopped by the Pinal County Sheriff again who could care less about our sticker because he thinks it's a scam and he was only interested in our State Land permit. He thinks Game & Fish and State Parks are stealing us blind. Those instances indicate someone is not getting the information they need.

SIMMONS – You don't need a permit to use State Land if you have a sticker?

ROGERS – Through all the discussions prior to getting the legislation established with State Land at the table, in return for their 5% share of the fund we get to travel across their land on authorized roads. No stopping for lunch!

There are just too many people who have not been reached with the right information. People that come from out of state don't get the information. In addition to a newspaper we need a website that is always up to date. My proposal is to take our newspaper that we have been publishing for five years and distribute it statewide twice a year and include all the information we have been talking about.

SAVINO – I am proposing to offer a website (azutvexperience.com) to include information on the progress of existing grants, travel management news, down loadable GPS maps, Ambassador news, state laws, procedures to obtain stickers and how program works. Make sure the website is searchable on main search engines. The costs would include \$3,000 for one-time web design; maintenance is \$300 month; editing, travel expenses and trail mapping is \$38,000 per year. Within a month the site could be adapted and ready to use. Land managers would not have to apply for money for maps, they would be available free from this site.

PFEIFER – What do we need to do to get funding for either the newspaper or website?

BALDWIN – As we've discussed before, we need to make selection of a contractor a competitive process. The Parks Board would have to approve that use for the money.

WYSOPAL – I think this is a good idea, but even if a newspaper or website is developed, how are people going to find out about it?

SAVINO – You need to make sure the webpage comes up under any search for a related topic.

WYSOPAL – You need to link this to all the existing club websites.

ANTLE – I'd like to remind everyone that the Arizona Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition website (azohvc.com) was developed exactly for this purpose. The association supports all user groups.

The discussion then focused on getting something done. What will it take? OHVAG wants to be involved in creating a request for proposal (RFP) if the website/newspaper would need to go out to bid. Hiring someone and holding them accountable for producing the required product is the only answer. Anyone who gets the job needs to be informed and passionate about OHV activities. The Group was referred to the Utah website (atvutah.com) as an example of what needs to occur. (NOTE: As I review this website while typing these minutes, it is not apparent that the site is sponsored by a governmental agency AND it is focused on "ATVs" only.) The Group closed the discussion with instructions to John Savino to bring up the issue in his presentation to the Parks Board on Nov. 17th and request an audience with someone who can make a decision.

The Group discussed their duties and the availability of funds for the OHV program and the importance of them being recognized in the OHV community when they participate in events. They are adamant about getting some kind of logo shirt, hat, jacket, or something to identify themselves as OHVAG members. And they want to be reimbursed for travel expenses. They are not satisfied with the response that other committees and the Parks Board are not being reimbursed for expenses. The Group directed John to cover these two issues in his address to the Parks Board.

ROGERS – Moved to set a date to meet before the next regular OHVAG meeting regarding the website/newspaper issue and to make a decision on how we want to proceed.

SAVINO – Seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimous.

C6 - Review and Discuss New Member Applications for the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (OHVAG) and Consider Recommending New Members to the State Parks Board. OHVAG will discuss and review the applications of parties interested in serving on OHVAG and may make a recommendation to the State Parks Board. The status of open positions will be discussed and Donald French, recommended for membership at the August 6, 2010 meeting, may be reassigned to a different position.

ANTLE – I see that State Parks is trying to put Don in a 4-wheel drive position and UTV's are not recognized as a 4-wheel drive vehicle. They still belong with ATV's.

SAVINO – Bob (Baldwin) and I discussed my application for a second term. Since I provided a letter of support from my club's vice-president, I could be moved to an organization affiliation position. That would free up my citizen-at-large position for a prospective member who might not meet a use or organization category. We also thought since Don French does use a 4-wheel drive vehicle equally with his UTV and we will have two 4-wheel drive positions open, we could put him in one of those

positions. But, since his is not a member of an organized 4-wheel drive club, that won't work.

John also expressed his and Don French's frustration that Don's nomination has not been approved by the Parks Board yet and, therefore, he is not eligible to sit at this meeting. He was approved on August 6th and the Parks Board has met three times since then.

ROGERS – Moved to appoint John Savino to a second three-year term as citizen-at-large from Navajo County.

ANTLE – Seconded motion. Motion carried unanimous.

ROGERS – Moved that Rebecca Antle be approved to continue serving as a representative of the 4-wheel drive community from Pima County until a replacement can be appointed.

PFEIFER – Seconded motion. Motion carried unanimous.

D. REPORTS - Committee and staff reports may be written or verbal.

1. Chair's Report – No report.
2. Sub-Committee Reports – No report.
3. Staff Reports

D3a - Update on Arizona State Parks Board actions – At their October 20, 2010 the Board approved funding for the Sticker Fund Phase II projects, the Red Rock RD and Apache-Sitgreaves NF "Kids in the Woods" projects were awarded OHV Recreation Fund money and the Mohave County project was awarded RTP funds.

SAVINO – Asked about the Pima Motorsports Park project that was tabled at the last meeting until someone could go by there and see what is going on.

PFEIFER – I did go there regarding some business I had for my company. Charlie Quiroz was there and said he is not operating the PMP but is interested in applying when Pima County announces the RFP.

BALDWIN – The kart track is not an eligible applicant as a 501C. The application needs to come from Pima County and since Charlie is not the vendor of record, they would not do that.

[NOTE ADDED TO MINUTES: The Southern Arizona Kart Club, Inc. application is not eligible under the "Sticker Fund Project Selection Program" process and cannot be considered for funding. Therefore, it will not be on the next OHVAG agenda.]

D3b – Staff will bring the group up to date on the status of all Sticker Fund projects awarded and the status of the OHV Recreation Fund.

BALDWIN – Provided the Group with a chart indication the status of projects.

SIMMONS – Are there established timeline requirements for grant projects and, if so, what is the process for getting a time extension?

PFEIFER – We did have requirements that the Sticker Fund projects be completed by the end of June. They were also supposed to be NEPA ready projects.

BALDWIN – In the future we will require them to provide the SHPO clearance with the application. We were trying to expedite the process and they were trying to expedite the process and it just didn't work that way.

ROGERS – The bottom line is we need to get the money out or it will get raided. We need to work with them and give them the time they need and we need to be firm.

BALDWIN – If a project is 80%, you don't want to say your time is up and yank the money and leave the project incomplete. That doesn't do any good. I monitor progress on the projects and if I see nothing is happening, I call the project sponsor and try to find out why nothing is happening. When I get responses like "the guy that was handling that project is gone and no one has taken over yet", all I can do is keep hounding them. We can definitely require them to make a presentation to OHVAG before we approve an extension. I think that will get their attention.

SAVINO – We could help if had access to the project managers and could go talk to them.

BALDWIN – If you let me know you want to visit a site, I will send the project sponsor an email to introduce you and you can arrange a time that is convenient with them.

ANTLE – Does the grant say SHPO is required? Can they have some time after the grant is awarded to get it done?

BALDWIN – They aren't supposed to apply until they know the cultural surveys have been done. Then we can get them cleared through SHPO before we award the money. We run into problems if they think it has been done and then find something that stops the project.

STATUS OF THE OHV RECREATION FUND – Report provided.

D3c – Staff will present information on the status of OHVAG shirts. – Quote provided.

SAVINO – Who put the kibosh to the shirts, business cards, etc. to identify us as representatives of the Parks Board?

BALDWIN – State Parks executive staff.

E. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

SIMMONS – Thanked OHVAG for the time they put in. Introduced himself. Worked for AGFD 13½ years fulltime. I was an intern and dispatcher before that. Served as wildlife manager. Worked for Department of Public Safety for three years. Have been in this position (replaced Joe Sacco as OHV Law Enforcement Program Manager) for about a month. I am finding out that there are a ton of issues involved, like dust

management in Maricopa & Pinal Counties, meeting with the user groups. I wanted more of a challenge than just making highway stops and man am I getting it. I'm excited about working with you guys.

About the OHV Law Enforcement Program: We have two fulltime officers in the field (Dave Mayer - west valley & Geoff Hossack - east valley) and two more completing training (Larry Pennington – Prescott Valley & Alan Forney - Tucson) We made conditional offers to five more individuals who will begin training soon upon completion of background checks. Two were wildlife officers, one is peace officer from out of state, and two are from other areas of AGFD. They won't be in the field until 2012.

SAVINO – I understand the seven of those officers are funded by the sticker legislation. Where is the rest of the money coming from?

SIMMONS – Some of them are being split funded with money from our Coast Guard fund. They will be doing watercraft and wildlife enforcement part of the time. The advantage is that they will be in the field 90% of the time and can enforce whatever they need to.

SAVINO – Brought up issue of forest service 50" rule and asked if the AGFD officers would be enforcing it.

SIMMONS – We can only enforce state law. The new people will be assigned to Flagstaff, Yuma, Kingman, Tucson, and two to White Mountains (Show Low area & Springerville area)

ROGERS – We are losing money because MVD is not sending out renewal notices. MVD wants out of it.

SIMMONS – AGFD requested their data and will try to figure out how we can use it to encourage renewal. We did pay \$7000 for the data.

SAVINO – MVD is sending a renewal notice for the \$3 registration fee. It probably costs them more to send that out than they make.

SIMMONS – The sticker is good for 12 months, so the registration and sticker renewal may be at different times. You will get a reminder for your registration, but not your sticker.

F. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS, MATTERS OF BOARD PROCEDURE, REQUESTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

PFEIFER – Pima Motorsports Park, report from SAVINO's presentation to State Parks Board.

G. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETINGS – The date for the next OHVAG meeting will be set to coincide with the review and recommendation of the OHV Ambassador Program expansion grants. February 25, 2011 was suggested.

SAVINO – Suggested a meeting in the Kingman area and also in Pinetop.

H. ADJOURNMENT – Moved by ROGERS, second by SAVINO. Motion carried unanimous @ 5:36pm.